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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7551

BILL NUMBER: HB 1517

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Youth Advisory Council.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill changes the age of eligibility to be a Youth Advisory Council (Council) member from 14 to 18 years of age to 16 to 20 years of age. It staggers the terms of the Council members. The bill provides that the appointing authority may remove an appointed member of the Council for cause, including the failure to attend at least two meetings within a one year period.

The bill provides that a member who attends a meeting of the Council has a lawful excuse to be absent from school.

The bill establishes the Youth Advisory Council Fund (Fund) to receive appropriations, grants, gifts, and donations. It provides that money in the Fund is available, with the approval of the Budget Agency, to augment and supplement the funds appropriated to the Department of Education to implement the Council.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Council consists of 22 members that meet at least 3 times and not more than six times per year. The expenses for the council are paid by the Department of Education. Changing the age of the members from 14 to 18 years of age to 16 to 20 years of age and staggering the terms of the members should have not any fiscal impact.

The provision that member who attends the Council meeting has a lawful excuse to be absent from school should also have no fiscal impact.

The bill also establishes the Fund to pay the expenses and projects of the Council. The impact would depend

on appropriation made by the General Assembly and grants, gifts, or donation the Fund might receive.

Background: The Council had 3 meetings during FY 2008 and spent \$2,604. The Council is required to hold at least 3 meetings with a maximum of 6 meetings per year. The estimated annual cost of the Council is about \$7,000 per year.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Educations.

Local Agencies Affected:

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